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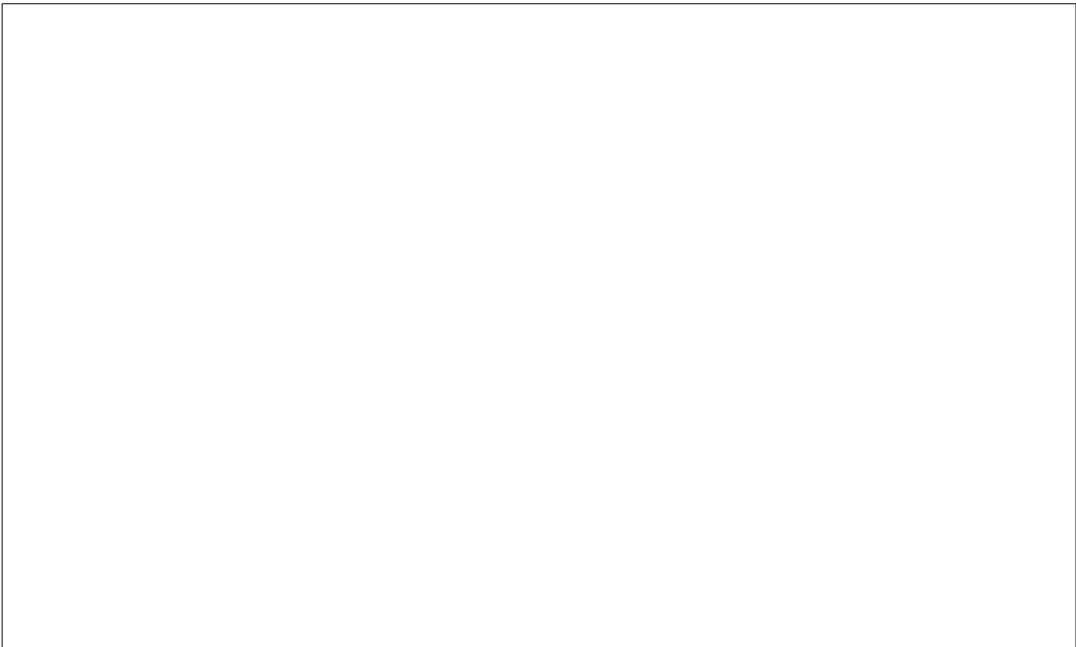
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① USSR-CHINA: Attention to Atmospherics

The Soviets appear to be making efforts to indicate publicly that their relations with the Chinese have improved as a result of the recent talks in Beijing. [redacted]

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Soviet officials are saying both sides are pleased with the talks last month in Beijing, claiming they have transformed the tone of relations. [redacted]

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In addition, the Soviets--in a departure from last year--published China's greetings on the anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution with those from other Socialist countries. For the first time in many years, the Chinese held their reception for the occasion in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing [redacted]

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Soviet officials also are talking optimistically about prospects for trade, [redacted]

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Comment: The USSR is more eager than China to represent the talks to the world as promising. The Soviets presumably are trying to indicate to the US and others that Moscow has a flexible foreign policy. Despite an absence of movement on key issues, they apparently hope an expansion of trade--currently less than \$300 million a year--will help ease tensions. [redacted]

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(12) UPPER VOLTA: New Head of State

Major Jean Baptiste Oedraogo, a political unknown, was named chairman of Upper Volta's Provisional Military Council yesterday. According to the US Embassy, the new government is in firm control and there are no signs of a counter coup.

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Comment: The government's pronouncements suggest it is likely to follow the pro-Western course of the previous regime. The preponderance of majority Mossi tribesmen in the ruling council could cause tribal resentment because the new government probably will be no more successful than its predecessors in solving economic problems.

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